GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:145
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2007
EMPLOYMENT GENERATION
Mondal Shri Abu Ayes;Singh Shri Suraj

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether rate of growth in employment opportunities in the country has not increased proportionately upwards alongwith the rate of increase in the growth rate of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the last decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to generate more employment opportunities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 145 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22-8-2007 REGARDING EMPLOYMENT GENERATION BY SHRI SURAJ SINGH AND SHRI ABU AYES MONDAL.

(a) & (b): As per the most recent employment and unemployment surveys, the growth in employment increased from 1.25 per cent per annum during the period 1993-94 to 1999-2000 (Period I), to 2.62 per cent during the period 1999-2000 to 2004-05 (Period II). The growth rate in Gross Domestic Product during Period I was 6.5 per cent per annum and in Period II it was 6.0 per cent per annum.

(c): The Approach to the Eleventh Five Year Plan proposes creation of 70 million additional employment opportunities - 65 million non-agricultural, and 5 million agricultural employment opportunities. Measures are envisaged in the 11th Plan to boost employment, in particular labour intensive manufacturing sectors such as food processing, leather products, footwear, and textiles and service sectors such as tourism and construction.

The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005, which assures every rural household at least 100 days of manual work at minimum wages, and was initially in effect in 200 districts, has now been extended to 330 districts in 2007-08. Additionally, various employment generating schemes such as Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) are being implemented.